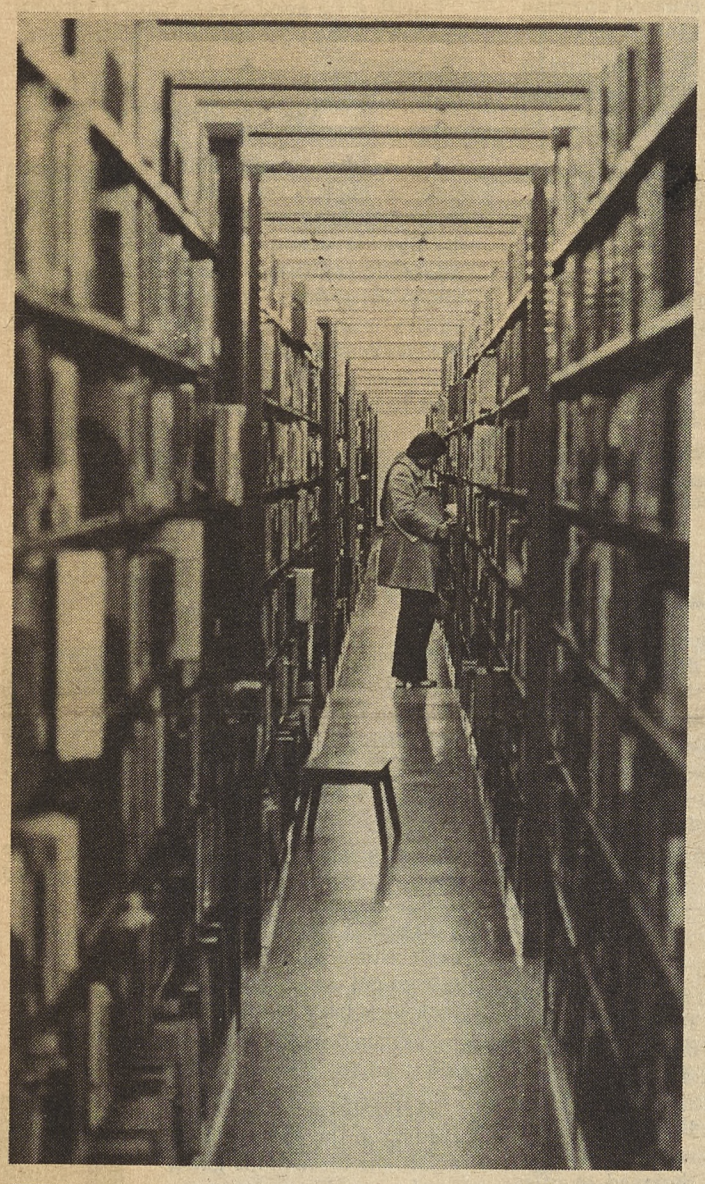
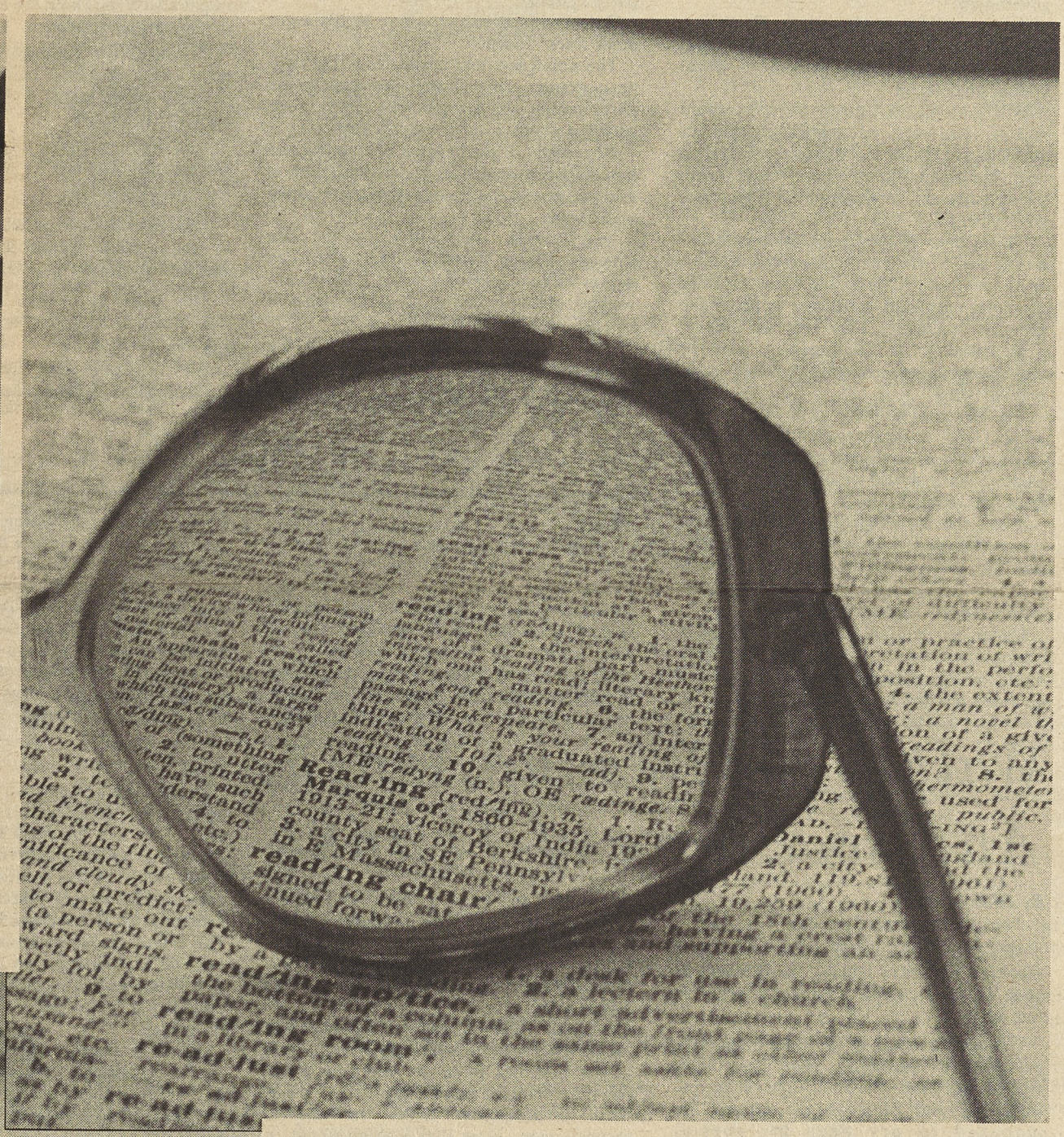
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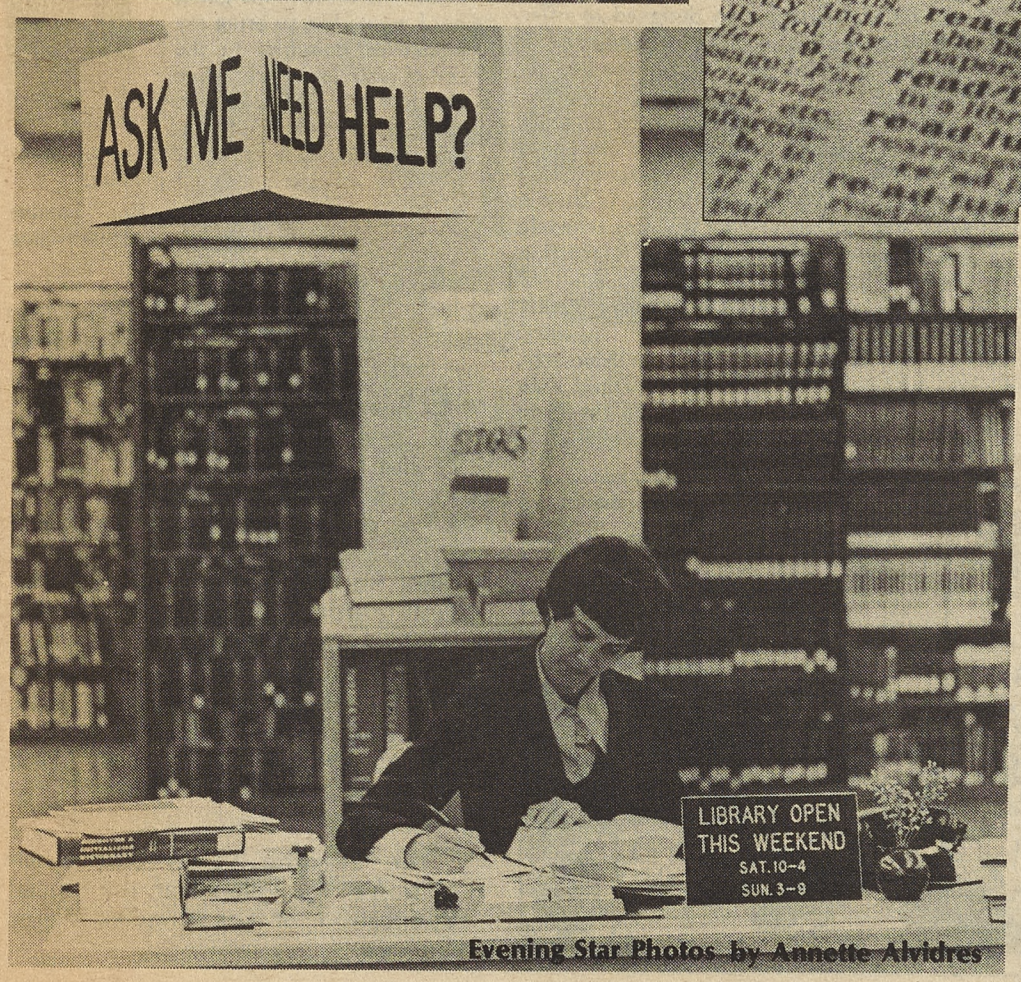
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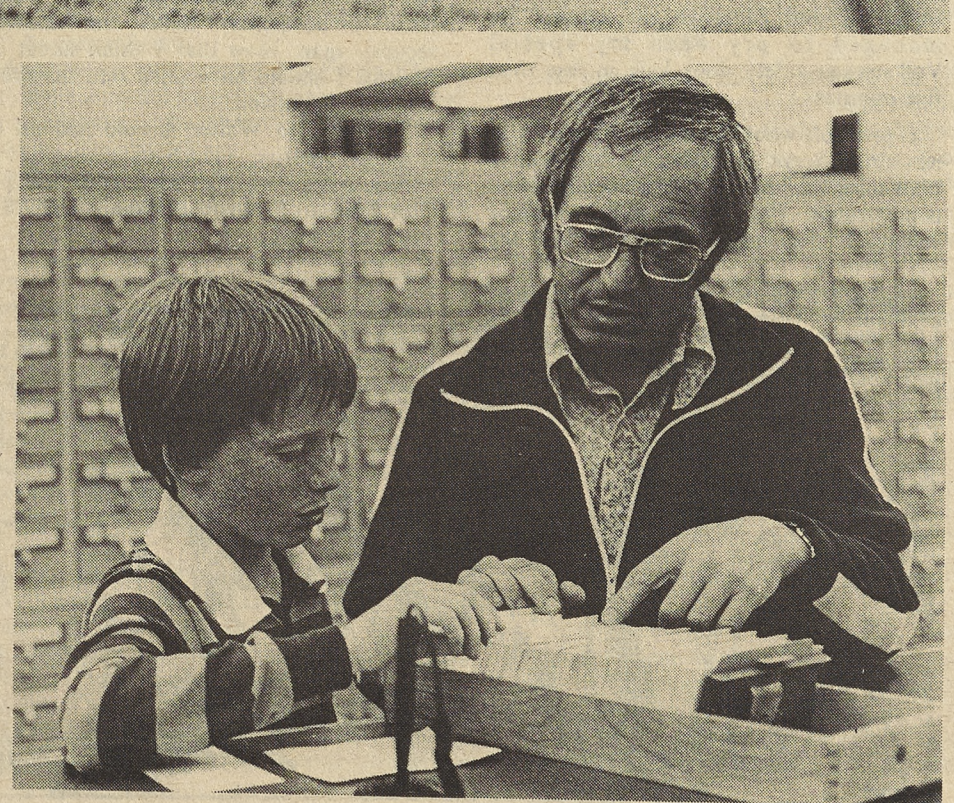
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## Nightwatch

# Thwarting the Will of the People

***By Kevin Grable***

Is the Electoral College really an archaic remnant of the past perpetuated by conservative elitists? Or is it a bulwark of our republic, providing stability and order through the two-party system?

These were among many questions raised by President Jimmy Carter's recent proposals for sweeping changes in voting laws, which included his endorsement of the idea of a Constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College.

On the surface this seems calculated to extend the voting franchises a step further — to provide for direct election of the President by the people.

But are there hidden dangers in this proposal that could result in a less stable government?

In a recent issue of Newsweek, Columnist George F. Will presented some strong arguments for leaving the present electoral system unchanged.

Will contends that direct elections would include third-party candidates, instead of discouraging them as the present system does. He credits the two-party system with the stability and moderation of the present government.

"The genius of the Constitution is the effect it has on the character of majorities," Will states. "The Electoral College promotes unity and legitimacy by helping to generate majorities that are not narrow, geographically or ideologically, and by magnifying narrow margins of victory in the popular vote."

The Electoral College "is an integral part of a Constitutional system," Will said, "with premises too subtle and purposes too varied to be summed up in slogans like 'one man, one vote.' "

What the founding fathers had in mind when drafting the Constitution, however, is not the issue here. Many who aided in writing and amending the original document distrusted the common people.

Under the original Constitution, United States senators, as well as the President, were elected indirectly. Popular election of senators was not brought about until 1913, with the passage of the 17th Amendment.

In the name of equality — all votes should count the same — and of democracy — officials should be elected directly — the President should also be elected by a majority of the popular vote.

This government, like any other, should be based on the direct consent of those who are governed.

By abolishing the Electoral College, the American people will be freed from the tyranny of a system which has produced three presidents who lost the popular vote.

But Will still finds favor in the present system of selecting the chief executive indirectly.

He describes it as a "system that has evolved, shaping and shaped by all the instruments of politics, especially the two-party system."

But here especially is where Will's argument loses credence.

The unfairness and inequities of the two-party system are such that they discourage participation by people who don't meet with the approval of the party regulars.

Regardless of the benefits of stability and moderation provided by this system, there is a tyranny and stagnation that goes along with them.

Party bosses, personified by the late Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, often can deliver large blocks of votes at a party convention, blatantly disregarding the wishes of voters.

Despite the democratic nature of the Presidential primaries, too many candidates are nominated in the smoke-filled rooms of national conventions. Candidates are often aided and influenced by special interest groups whose concern is primarily for the favors they will receive in return for their support.

And once the two major parties have chosen their candidates, the public has little choice but to vote for the "lesser of two evils."

The public should be able to vote for the man or woman of their choice with some chance of that person being elected, rather than having to choose between the two major party candidates because they have all the money and power of the party structures behind them.

Yes, the abolition of the Electoral College might also bring about the eventual downfall of the two-party system.

"Third-party" candidates would find it much easier to gather individual votes than to carry entire states with their blocks of electoral votes.

And that would probably serve to upgrade the quantity and quality of political discussion in the country.

The "stability and moderation" provided by the present system are probably not worth the price we pay for them.

This price is exacted in the form of restricted participation in politics and the stifling of a free flow of ideas.

And I, for one, find that price too high.

# Letters

**Editor,**

After reading your article about energy conservation on the campus, I began to wonder why every time I pass the Art Building, and the patio area off Monarch Hall, I notice the water falls are running. Also Valley just recently installed more electronically controlled doors, one in front of Monarch Hall, the International Room, and the Book Store. If they were installed for the benefit of the wheelchaired handicapped, why not just leave a door open during business hours? Or would that interfere with the electrically controlled ventilation system?

If these are some of the ways Valley is conserving energy to keep the fiscal budget down, and curtail the use of oil when the gas supply runs low, my ideas about conservation must be backwards.

**Karen Jenkins**

**Editor,**

In the March 14 issue of the Evening Valley Star, Annette Alvidres pointed out in an article the lack of clubs meeting at night ("Evening Students Starving for Clubs").

We would like to point out that one club **does** hold its weekly functions at night: the International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club. The International Rendezvous is a student-run, self-supporting club designed to offer folk dancing to college students at a reasonable price in a coffee-house atmosphere.

The club meets every Saturday night at the Field House on Ethel Avenue. Lessons in international folk dancing are offered from 8 to 9 p.m., with requests following from 9 to 11 p.m., all for $1. Our teaching schedule can be obtained by calling the Recreation Office at 994-3698.

Incidentally, attendance at every weekly "meeting" is not required.

**Sincerely,**
**David Falk**
**Club President**

# *Walt to the Rescue Again, And so a Note of Thanks*

***By Ellen Shenker***

Thank you, Walter Arnold.

Who is Walter Arnold and why am I thanking him? Try locking yourself out of your car and calling Campus Security to find out.

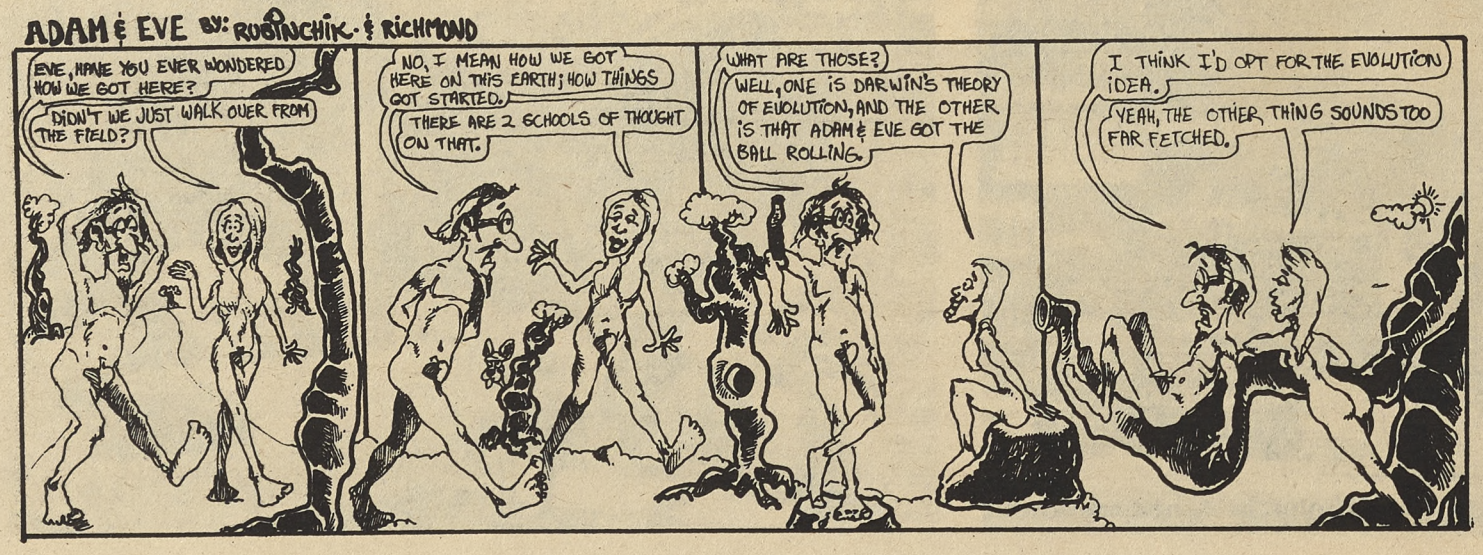
Actually, Arnold is the mild-mannered, mustachioed maverick, who, one night recently received my dumb damsel in distress call and came to the rescue. He managed to pry open my special Volkswagen safety door lock in less than five minutes.

It probably would have taken Arnold a lot less time except I bombarded him with a blast of babble that broke his concentration considerably. That, plus the fact another student arrived on the scene to stress the significance of having a spare key securely hidden somewhere. It just so happens I do have a spare key and that "somewhere" turned out to be in my purse, which I was longingly looking at on the front seat of my locked car.

Arnold, with the aid of a wonderful, magic wire, worked with nary a worry until he got that lock loose. By this time, I was too tired and tuckered from the terrible turmoil to adequately thank the talented security man. Now that I think about it, perhaps I should have pried into the pro's previous profession.

Seriously, to Walter Arnold and all of Campus Security, THANKS!

Say, I hear you also boost batteries. . . . (For Campus Security assistance, call 781-1200, Ext. 409)




# Feedback

## Would you like to see an Evening Child Care Center at Valley College?

*Interviews were conducted by Ellen Shenker; photographs by Rose M. Seidler.*



That's a very good idea, but my baby is 17½ years old! I remember when I had little ones, though. I would have felt a heck of a lot safer going to college and having them in a campus child care center.

**Bonnie Wolf**
**Age: Over 21, Major: Psychology**

I think it's a good idea to have it because you can't bring your kids into the classroom and babysitters can get expensive.

**Curt Klafta**
**Age: 18, Major: Fire Science**



I think the school should have a night care center since they have one during the day. It would also increase the enrollment if they would advertise it. A lot of adults cannot come to school because they have to take care of their kids at night and don't want to pay a babysitter.

**Maurice Groux**
**Age: 27, Major: Psychology**

I would use it in September. I have one 6-year-old daughter who stays with the neighbor next door.

**James Gardley**
**Age: 25, Major: NC Program**



If I were a younger person I would use it. In fact, I used to come here 20 years ago, so I can see a big advantage for younger people . . . I know, I've been there.

**Aloha Tripp**
**Age: 55, Major: Undeclared**

I think it would be good. A lot of parents can't afford paying for babysitters. It's inconvenient to attend day school because they may have to work.

**Craig Cornelius**
**Age: 19, Major: Fire Science**



Definitely. I've been reading in the Evening Star about the discussions going on. I would like to bring my 8-year-old daughter to the center and leave her while I'm in class. She would be under supervision and learning crafts along with other children. Now we have to give her to a babysitter.

**Bob Timmins**
**Age: 31, Major: Supervision**

I would support it.

**Flair Albert**
**Age: 25, Major: Psychology**

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# Elections, Night Meet Set by A.S.

For the first time this semester, Valley College's student government will hold a meeting at night.

Or at least in the late afternoon.

Associated Students Executive Council will hold a regular meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. next Tuesday, May 17 in Campus Center 104.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Evening Division Commissioner Susan Segelke, is to let evening students know what is going on in student government.

It will be open to the public and all students, especially evening students are invited to attend.

Also, elections for student body officers will be held May 16-19. Voting polls will be open for evening students Monday through Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Polling places will be located in Monarch Square, in front of the Behavioral Science building, and other strategic points on campus.

The final vote count will be announced Thursday, May 19 at 1 p.m. in Campus Center 100.

If a run-off is the case, the polls will reopen Monday and Tuesday, May 23-24 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Students who wish to vote must have a paid I.D. card.

# Clewley: Always a Smile

*By Willetta Grady*

She offers a smile to everyone who walks into the office. She is Pat Clewley, secretary of Evening Division.

The evening office, says Clewley, is the center of all student activities. Information on classes, programs, schedules, and services are available for students as well as instructors.

"We are here if emergencies arise," says Clewley, "Like if a car is stolen or broken into."

Medical emergencies were hard to handle because of the lack of medical personnel on campus.

"Now we have Walter Arnold as a paramedic if we need him," remarked Clewley. It would be nice, added Clewley, if the health office was open at night.

"Things are a lot better than they were for evening students," said Clewley. "More services and programs are becoming available for students."

The occupational lecture series was pushed through by Steve Manuels, presently Associated Students president, and Sue Segelke, Evening Division commissioner. The Evening Valley Star also partially evolved through their efforts.

Clewley has been Evening Division secretary for eight years.

"I have worked with five different men (as Evening Division dean) and have



**PAT CLEWLEY**

worked with Allan Keller the longest," said Clewley. "I will miss him."

Clewley used to work throughout the campus as a substitute secretary.

One incident Clewley recalls is when she worked in the Veterans Administration office on campus. In commemoration of Veterans Day, veterans held an event during the day in Monarch Square.

"This was during the time of the controversies over Vietnam and protest marches were held all the time," recalled Clewley.

During the speeches the veterans were irritated by the protesters and a fight broke out. The head of the VA office came back and told Clewley not to let anyone into the office. His face was bruised and scratched.

"That was pretty scary," exclaimed Clewley. "But things worked out alright."

Clewley has been taking classes at Valley and will be graduated in June.

"I now have an understanding of the students better by taking classes with them," said Clewley. "And some of these students have better answers than we do."

Working at night is beneficial for Clewley. After work, remarked Clewley, she can still go out if she wants since the office closes at 9:30 p.m.

"I'm a night person," said Clewley. "I'm used to it since my (late) husband was a musician."

"I love Valley College and I love the students and the people I work with," smiled Clewley.

With the lateral promotion of Allan Keller, Clewley will have a new boss to work with. She wonders, "Who will I have next?"

# Health Careers Discussed by Panel

*By Terre Ashmore*

Another in the continuing series of evening occupational seminars attracted approximately 50 students interested in that night's topic, "Careers in Allied Health." The program, conducted by Susan Segelke, evening commissioner, Associated Students Organization, was offered the evening of April 26 in campus center 104 at Los Angeles Valley College.

Featured panelists were Mr. Robert Armstrong, an assistant hospital administrator at St. Joseph Medical Center, who spoke of health careers available for those students with little or no background in the field of health care; Ms. Helene Barncard, coordinator in the Allied Health Department at Valley, who outlined educational requirements of various health careers, especially those for which programs are offered at Valley; Dr. Michael Billesback, an assistant director of pharmacy at Encino Hospital, who gave an in-depth explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the pharmacist; and Dr. Roman L. Yanda, an M.D. practicing in Van Nuys and consultant in respiratory therapy at Valley, who advised students of the positive and negative aspects of a career in medicine.

Armstrong expressed his satisfaction in a hospital administrative position, where he maintains a working environment for medical personnel.

Billesback assured the audience that the pharmaceutical career also includes an opportunity for personal involvement with patient care, especially in a hospital where the pharmacist works hand-in-hand with the doctors.

Barncard encouraged interested students to contact her for counseling and class scheduling in the health career program of their choice. Numerous programs for careers in satisfying, high-paying jobs in the field of allied health are open for enrollment at Valley College.

A question from a member of the audience concerning possible indoctrination of socialized medicine in the United States garnered an immediate response from Yanda who declared the American Hospital Association would fight it all the way. "Socialized medicine is impersonal and brutal, medical care is a personal thing," Yanda declared. Yanda also stated that medical careers are high-paying because good medical care is expensive. When asked if all medical tests given are necessary Yanda replied, "no . . . but the public wants those tests."

Yanda continued on the subject of medical expense, saying it needn't be so expensive. "For example," he said, "saving a two-month premature child will cost a couple $25,000 . . . it is cheaper to let the child die."

Yanda summed up the possible health career in these words, "The money is terrific, but the hours are long and the responsibility is great."

"Those interested in a career in allied health must be dedicated," the panelists agreed.

# Who Needed a Pulitzer Anyway?

*By Joe Cislowski*

When most newsmen receive the Pulitzer Prize, they cherish it forever. Jack Jones, a general assignment reporter for the Los Angeles Times cherished being a prize winner for only four hours.

It's not that Jones didn't like the award; it's just that it was never his in the first place.

"I wrote a series on the situations leading up to the Watts Riots," the newsman related to a group of high school journalism students at Los Angeles Valley College, "and the following May all of my friends in the office congratulated me on a Pulitzer Prize for that series."

Jones, naturally ecstatic, phoned his wife to tell her of the news. Four hours later, he got word that the honor belonged to the Los Angeles Times rather than to himself.



**WORKING ON A DEADLINE,** high school journalism students from the Los Angeles and Valley Areas, rush to finish their On-the-spot Feature stories, April 29. The event, High School Journalism Day, was sponsored by the Journalism Department and Beta Phi Gamma.

**Evening Star photo by Willetta Grady**

"It was hard to stop my wife from dancing in the street to tell her that the prize didn't belong to me," he continued, "but even though I didn't win it was still the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

The 53-year-old attended a community college in Riverside, and then went on to the University of Redlands before joining the Navy. After his service, he went to USC where he received a B.A. in Journalism as a classmate of nationally syndicated columnist Art Buchwald.

He started his professional career as a copy boy, which he claims was the only job available to him on the staff of a large metropolitan newspaper — The Los Angeles Daily News.

Jones later became a reporter for the paper, only to see the publication fold five years after he joined its staff.

The journalist, who decided to become a newsman when he was eight years old, pointed out the changing world of newspapers in the Los Angeles metropolis.

"When I started out, there were five major newspapers in this city," he reminisced, "Only the Times and the Herald Examiner now remain.

"Those were the days of sensational news. We covered the Black Dahlia Case, the Leopard Woman, Mickey Cohen, and large-scale police pay-off scandals," he remembered.

"Then came the day when a young girl named Cathy Fiscus fell into a well. The drama of her rescue unfolded on live television. From that day on people knew that television was the medium that would be the one to cover instant-breaking news."

Newspapers, according to Jones then were forced away from the late breaking story to the "explanation story" or in-depth feature reporting.

*Joe Cislowski is a journalism student at Beverly Hills High School. His feature was the first place winner in an on-the-spot contest for high school journalism students. The contest was sponsored by Valley's Journalism Department, April 29.*

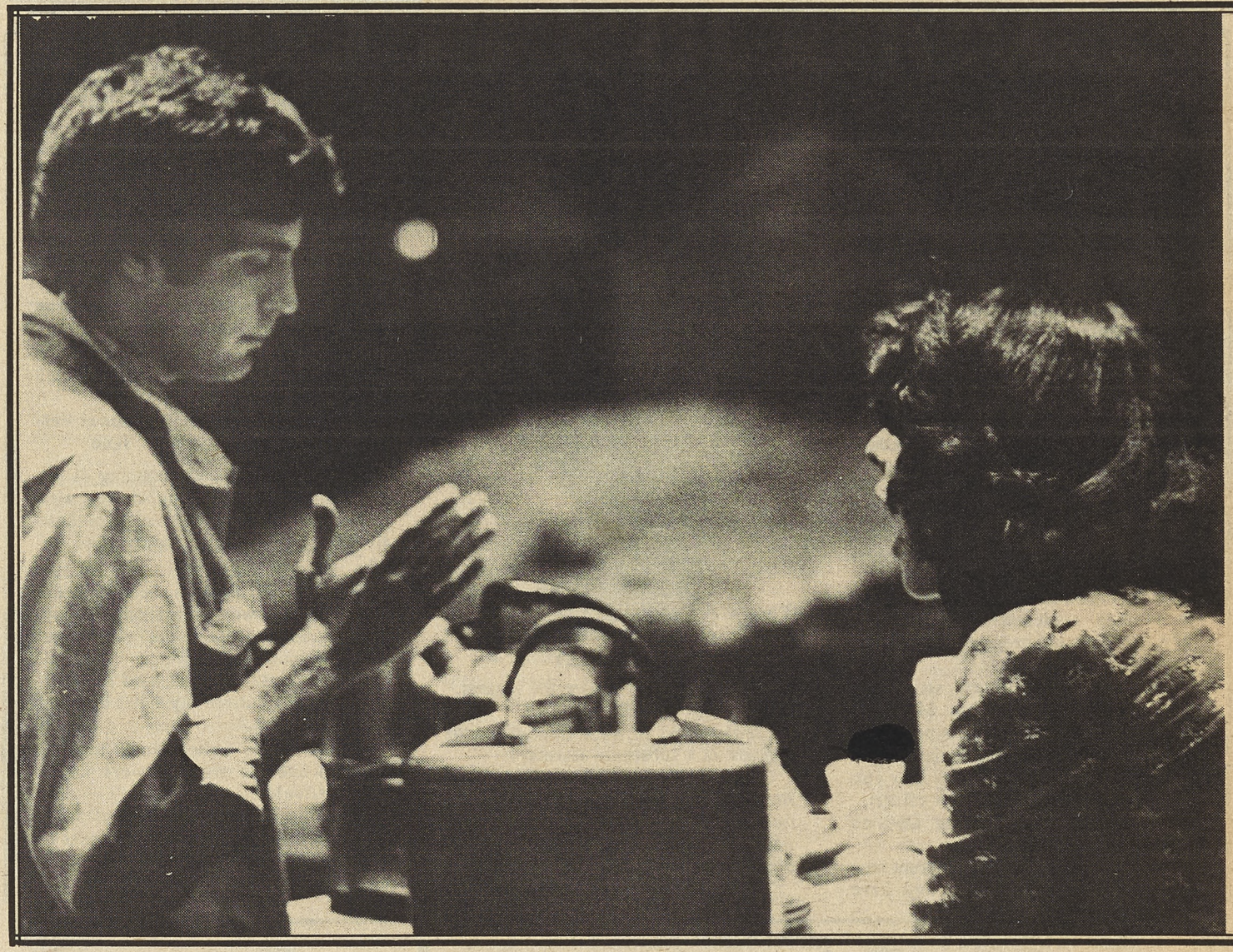
"I am old fashioned," the writer revealed. "I don't enjoy that kind of newspapering. I would rather go out and write a crime story."

Jones also pointed out that many reporters specialize in specific areas. The Times has writers who focus on such topics as religion, labor, science, human behavior, energy, environmental concerns, and the media itself.

Jones, too, was a specialist, concentrating on racial relations and anti-poverty programs for a period of seven years. It was during this span that he authored his series on various situations in Watts.

Besides writing for the newspaper, Jones has spent some of his time authoring two books: "Journey into Death," an adventure, and "The Animal," a profile on a Black professional football player.

When asked if he would like to win the Pulitzer again, the journalist replied, "Yes, and maybe this time I could hold on to it until dinner time."



CHECKING IN — Jill Merin, portraying "the girl" and Philip Levien as Paul Granger III, rehearse for the upcoming play, "Hot l Baltimore." It will come to the stage Thursday, May 19, at 8 p.m., in Valley's Little Theatre. In the next issue of the Evening Star, we will present a feature on what it takes to produce a play, such as "Hot l Baltimore," a Theater Arts production.

**Evening Star photo by Jeff Clark**

# Evening Events

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for Everyone** is a three-hour, non-credit class to be offered by Community Services for three Mondays at 7 p.m., starting May 9. Registration fee is $10, and the fee for materials is $3.25.

A short-term class entitled **Eat Yourself Slim** will meet tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Bungalow 34.

A short-term class in **Acupressure** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Behavorial Science 101.

Three one-act plays, under the title of "**An Evening of One-Acts**," will be presented in the Horseshoe Theater on the weekend of May 12 to 14 with curtain time for all performances at 8:30 p.m. General admission is $2.50 with students admitted for $1.50.

**Summer Nights** will continue showing through the end of May in the Planetarium at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings. Find out what to look for in the sky — with no special equipment — on May 13, 20, and 27, and on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.

**The power of hypnosis and extra sensory perception** will be demonstrated by George and Joyce Sharp in Monarch Hall on Sunday, May 15, at 8 p.m., it was announced by Dr. Merle E. Fish, cultural and special affairs coordinator. General admission is $3.

**"The Insect War"** and **"Carnivorous Plants"** will be shown on Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Innovations in Community Child Care: **The Reality and Struggle for Change** will be discussed Tuesday, May 17 at 11 a.m. in Behavorial Science 102.

On May 19 and 20 **An Evening of Dance** will be presented by the Dance Department in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

**"Hot l Baltimore"** will start its run on Thursday, May 19, in Valley's Little Theater at 8:30 p.m. General admission is $2.50, staff and students with paid ID are admitted free; students without paid ID are admitted for a $2 charge.

**Non-Traditional Education** in the Non-Campus College will be discussed by Dr. John Lombardi, research member of the Educational Resources Information Center on Thursday, May 19, at 2 p.m. The program is part of the series of New Dimensions Seminars. This one, free to the public, will be held on the fifth floor of the United Way Building, 621 South Virgil, in the Community Leadership Conference Room.

Valley College will hold its first annual **open house** on Sunday, May 22 from noon to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend "five hours of entertainment and displays." Call 781-0866 for further information.

**The Joke's on You: The Sociology of Humor** will be discussed by Dr. Jackson Meyers on Tuesday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to noon in Behavorial Science 102.

**Valley College A Capella Choir** will perform on May 25 at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Valley's **Jazz Ensemble and Studio Jazz Band** will perform on May 26 at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

On June 1 at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall, the Valley **Chamber Chorale** will croon.

The Valley College **Symphony Orchestra** will play on June 2 in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

# Insecurity at Valley

*This story is a fictional interpretation of a situation that could possibly occur at Valley College.*

***By Annette Alvidres***

Patti pulled up to the parking lot in hopes that her friend, Susan, would still be waiting for her. It was 10:15 a.m., the peak of rush hour traffic to Valley.

She had agreed to pick Susan up after her classes ended at 9:45 and after all, it was Susan's car she was borrowing.

But Patti just couldn't get through to her mother on the telephone a half an hour before that she had to go, that Susan would be waiting, probably impatiently, since she had to be at work by 10:30.

Finally, she convinced her mom that it was time to stop gossiping about her bridge club partners and neighbors and whatever other things Patti listened to her mother cackle about because she loved her.

At the parking lot, not one space was open. One small area behind a staff space (of course, a teacher was parked there) was available. But she had to take the chance. Who knows how long Susan might wait if Patti took the time to park on the street and then walk to meet her in the lot?

To be safe, she left the engine running and stood by the car in case someone wanted to exit.

She looked at her watch and 10 minutes had passed since she arrived. Still, she waited because she couldn't be sure Susan was gone. Her biggest fear was a ticket, and nobody likes tickets.

A man in a dark blue suit approached her and Susan was looking for someone to talk to while she waited. The day already seemed so long with all the errands she had already run; she needed someone to talk to to ease the tension of the day.

"You look like someone in a hurry," the man said to her.

"Oh, I'm just waiting for my friend. I'm late picking her up but I'm hoping she's still here. God, I hope I don't get a ticket waiting. It's the last thing I need," Susan said, and proceeded to tell him about the two job interviews she had already been to that morning and the other three she had, one right after another, that afternoon.

Just as when most people meet, their conversation headed toward the backgrounds of both. After Patti volunteered information about herself, she asked her newly-made friend about his dealings with the college.

"Well, mostly I'm here as a student. Full-time. It's also convenient that I work here, full-time," he told her.

"That is convenient. What do you do here?" she asked wondering what job he had that required such formal, but drab garb.

"Actually, I was hoping your friend would get here and we could say 'Goodbye' before I had to tell you that."

This confused Patti, who wondered why the conversation, on his part, had suddenly become so secretive. What could he do for the college that might be bad news for her she wondered?

"Why? I mean, what kind of job is it? Is it bad? I mean for me?" she inquired, not knowing how to ask, thinking it might be too personal.

But personal it wasn't.

"I'm a security officer for the college, and I'm afraid I'm going to have to ticket you for illegally parking," he answered.

